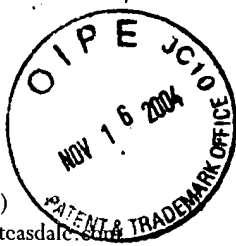


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Transmittal Letter

On November 15, 2004, during a telephone conversation with Examiner Minh Nguyen, the Examiner explained that a response to the Office Action dated December 23, 2003 was not included in the USPTO file for the above referenced application. Examiner Nguyen requested that I submit the response filed on June 23, 2004, along with a copy of the date-stamped postcard returned from the USPTO showing that the response had been received on June 23, 2004 by the USPTO. As requested, copies of the response and postcard are submitted herewith.

Please call me if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely yours,


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TRANSMITTAL

1. Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in response to the Office Action dated December 23, 2003, (17 pages); Three (3) Sheets of Formal Drawings; and Return Receipt Postcard.

STATUS

2. Applicant

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EXTENSION OF TERM

3. The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136 apply.

(complete (a) or (b), as applicable)

- (a) ☒ Applicant petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136
(Fees: 37 C.F.R. 1.17(a)-(d) for the total number of months checked below:)

Extension for response within:	Other than small entity Fee	Small entity Fee (if applicable)
<input type="checkbox"/> first month	\$ 110.00	\$ 55.00
<input type="checkbox"/> second month	\$ 420.00	\$ 210.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> third month	\$ 950.00	\$ 475.00
<input type="checkbox"/> fourth month	\$1,480.00	\$ 740.00
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	Fee Due	\$ 950.00

If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor.

(Check and complete the next item, if applicable)

- ☐ An extension of _____ months has already been secured. The fee paid therefor \$_____ is deducted from the total fee due for the total months of extension now requested.

Extension fee due with this request \$ 950.00.

OR

- (b) ☐ Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

FEE FOR CLAIMS

4. The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below:

	(Col. 1)		(Col. 2)	(Col. 3)	SMALL ENTITY		OTHER THAN SMALL ENTITY
	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA	ADDITIONAL RATE FEE	OR	ADDITIONAL RATE FEE
TOTAL	36	MINUS	20	=16	x \$9 = \$		x \$18 = \$288.00
INDEP.	7	MINUS	3	=4	x \$43 = \$		x \$86 = \$344.00
— FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEP. CLAIM					+ \$145 = \$		+ \$290 = \$
					TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE \$	OR	TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE \$632.00

(a) ☐ No additional fee for Claims is required

OR

(b) ☒ Total additional fee for claims required \$ 632.00

FEE PAYMENT

5. ☐ Attached is a check in the sum of \$ _____

☒ Charge Deposit Account No. 01-2384 the sum of \$1,582.00.
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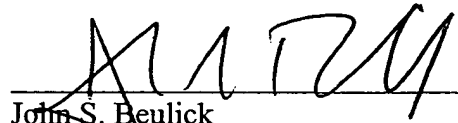
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6. ☒ If any additional extension and/or fee is required, charge Deposit Account No. 01-2384.

AND/OR

☒ If any additional fee for claims is required, charge Deposit Account No. 01-2384.

7. ☐ Other:



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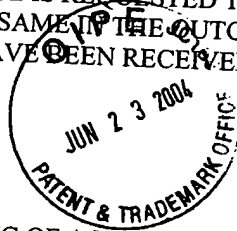
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AMENDMENT

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In response to the Office Action dated December 23, 2003, Applicants respectfully request consideration and entry of the following amendment.